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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of Japanese Patent Publication Nos. JP 06-083032, JP 10-104816, JP 11-111601, and JP 04-023311, which were cited in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-039706, filed February 17, 2000, as listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A for the Examiner's consideration.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English language translations and abstract of each of the listed Japanese patent documents.

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